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FIVE INDICTED FOR OPERATING ILLEGAL GAMBLING BUSINESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that five persons were indicted today in connection with a large illegal gambling ring that had been operating in several counties in the Central Valley of California and the Los Angeles area. The defendants SARET NOSAR, 57, of San Gabriel, SOMACHY KEO, 48, of Modesto, KANARY KHIN, 54, and her husband SEAN EANG, 62 of Long Beach, and PANG YEAN, 66, of Modesto, are charged with conducting an illegal gambling business between September 2006 and October 2008, in the Counties of San Joaquin and Stanislaus and in the Los Angeles area.

The case arises out of an extensive investigation by the FBI and the California Department of Justice, Division of Gambling Control.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Benjamin B. Wagner and Camil A. Skipper, who are prosecuting the case, on October 8, search warrants were executed at seven locations in San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, and Los Angeles County, leading to the seizure of over \$62,000 in cash, \$103,000 in cashiers checks, and several gold ingots and jewelry.

If convicted, all defendants face prison terms of up to five years and a fine of up to \$250,000. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges in the indictment are only allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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